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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **SB 321 (File 281, amended by Senate "A")\***

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID COST SAVINGS.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill adds six members to the Council on Medical Assistance Program Oversight, one each appointed by the six legislative leaders, who must work solely on a new standing subcommittee of the council created by the bill. The subcommittee must study and make annual recommendations to the council on evidence-based best practices concerning Medicaid cost savings. The subcommittee must choose its chairpersons from among its members and must file its first report to the council by January 1, 2015.

\*Senate Amendment "A" replaces the original file, which established a task force to identify best practices concerning Medicaid cost savings, with the above provisions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

#### **NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS SERVING ON SUBCOMMITTEE**

The bill adds the following members to the council:

1. a member of the Connecticut Hospital Association, appointed by the House speaker;
2. a representative of the business community with experience in cost efficiency management, appointed by the Senate president pro tempore;
3. a representative of the for-profit nursing home industry, appointed by the House majority leader;
4. a physician who serves Medicaid clients, appointed by the Senate majority leader;

5. a representative of the not-for-profit nursing home industry, appointed by the House minority leader; and
6. a representative of the business community with experience in cost efficiency management, appointed by the Senate minority leader.

## **BACKGROUND**

### ***Medical Assistance Program Oversight Council***

The council advises the social services commissioner on the planning and implementation of the HUSKY A and B and Medicaid programs. It monitors Medicaid care management initiatives. It also makes recommendations in a wide range of areas, such as the enrollment process, the sufficiency of Medicaid provider rates, and the benefits package for each of the affected programs.

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15      Nay 2      (03/18/2014)